



# The Gilwell Gazette

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## Welcome to Wood Badge 2135!

It's almost time for our Wood Badge experience to begin. Each of us — staff and attendees — comes to this course with our own unique life and Scouting experiences and knowledge. As leaders, parents, and employees, we face challenges and opportunities each day in our lives. Hopefully we can make choices to improve our results, to learn from the experiences and to enjoy each day. As you start this journey you will each face and be introduced to new information, new challenges, and new ideas. You will have the opportunity to make decisions and choices on what action to take.

So as you begin Wood Badge, will you embrace change or resist it?

We would ask that you think like a new Cub Scout, as they are excited to join a Pack and get ready for the first meeting. Be the curious Cub Scout again and go in with your eyes open and ready to learn new things, go on new adventures, try new activities and be ready to have some fun! Be open to embracing new ideas., learn from the experience of others on the course, and be open to the content you are about to hear. Most of all— be open to embracing change and having fun.

As your staff, we are glad you have decided to join us and we are ready to guide you and help you along this path. We are looking forward to meeting each of you and getting to know you better during our time together.

The Wood Badge course schedule is very structured, but we have included "copious free time" for you in our planning. That said, we still ask that you please arrive on time and be prepared to start your adventure. Wood Badge is for all scout leaders. Our course is a very diverse group representing all levels of scout leaders from all over our council. The staff is looking forward to the unique perspectives each of you will bring to our course and to Scouting. Thank you for taking the time away from your families and work to join us. We promise it will be fun and time well spent!

Finally, thank you for all you do for the youth in Scouting.

*Servant Leadership*



Check-in begins on Thursday, April 8th at 5:00 pm. - 10:00 pm. Please do not arrive EARLIER or LATER than these times. Program activities continue non-stop until Sunday at 5:30 pm.

There are no opportunities to leave the camp during the program, so ***Be Prepared.***

You should be in Full Field (Class A) uniform when you arrive in camp. You will be in your full field uniform (Class A) during much of the course, so you should bring more than one uniform if you have them. It is okay to wear your uniforms from multiple Scouting positions and programs.

On Sunday morning of each course weekend, all Participants and Staff Members will be invited to participate in an Interfaith Service. During the service a collection will be taken for the World Friendship Fund, should you wish to contribute.



## Questions about Wood Badge?

### Pre-Course QUESTIONS

Please complete the assignment of “Pre-course Questions” and bring it with you for your personal use at the course. No one will see it but you. Completing this will be of immense help in writing your ticket. These questions are designed to help you formulate your thoughts as you begin to write your ticket. They will help you sort out what is important to you, what roles you play in Scouting and your life, and where you see yourself in the future.

Remember that your ticket is a very personal commitment that you write for yourself—a set of goals that you will pursue with the Scouting group that you work with. Begin thinking about where you see that group in the future, how the group can make a greater impact in the lives of youth, and how you can make that same impact.



## BSA Medical Forms

Part A—B—C  
MUST be completed and submitted to our Scribe in advance (preferably) or not later than check-in on April 8, 2021

## Course Dates & Location

- Weekend #1—April 9-11, 2021
  - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
  - Slippery Falls Scout Ranch
- Up to two Patrol Meetings
  - Determined by Patrol
- Weekend #2—May 1-2, 2021
  - Friday and Saturday
  - Slippery Falls Scout Ranch



## What to Expect from Wood Badge Training

**An experienced, helpful, and friendly staff.**

*Comfortable, safe surroundings for learning and growth.*

**High quality training materials and  
presentation methods.**

*New friends and acquaintances.*

**A new leadership method that is applicable to  
all Scouters in all parts of their life.**

*A once in a lifetime learning experience.*

**Scouting ceremonies you have  
not seen before!**

# Wood Badge 2135 Staff



**Rebecca Koss**  
Course Director



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Scribe



**Solomon Johnson**  
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**Bryon Brandon**  
Asst. Scribe

**“The best teachers are those  
who show you where to look,  
but don’t tell you what to see.”**

**Alexandra K. Trenfor**

# Wood Badge 2135 Staff



**Dennis Byford**  
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**David Underwood**  
Troop Guide



**Tom Hollingsworth**  
Troop Guide



**EZ Parnell**  
Troop Guide



**Stephanie Keef**  
Troop Guide



**Steve Morey**  
Troop Guide



**Stacey Riffell**  
Course Mentor



**Colleen Bicket**  
WB Committee Chair

## WHAT FOOD IS BEING SERVED?



If you have food allergies or special diet concerns, please speak with Darin Raibourn, ASM for Logistics prior to the course beginning (ASAP) so we can address your special needs.

## DO I HAVE TO CARRY MY OWN CAMPING GEAR?

No. This is a leadership training course, not a backpacking trip. Please neatly pack your camping gear into one bag or container and label your name on your gear. At check-in, your gear will be collected by the Staff and hauled to the campsite for you. Remember to keep your personal daily items with you at all times. These include: water bottle, medication, snacks, notepad, etc. Bring a daypack to carry your personal daily items with you. There is not time to "go back to the tent to get something I forgot...."



## The Gilwell Gazette



Hot off the press every morning for the duration of the course, the Gilwell Gazette is your source of WB-2135 news and insight. The daily course schedule will be found here as well as stories and pictures (interesting and otherwise) about the people and places of Wood Badge.

Patrol scribes will provide articles for the Gazette and the course scribes will make sure that a lot of course related material finds its way on to these pages.

The Gilwell Gazette is also part of the tradition of Wood Badge as it has been used throughout the years at Gilwell Park. Wood Badge philosophy maintains that teams develop most effectively when they have full access to resources. As the course progresses, you will find that one of the best resources at your team's disposal is the Gilwell Gazette.

# THE OBJECTIVES OF WOOD BADGE

## Wood Badge Five Central Themes

### 1. Living the Values

- Drive Vision, Mission, and Values

### 2. Growing

- Know Thyself
- Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn
- Apply interpersonal Savvy

### 3. Connecting

- Communicate Effectively
- Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn
- Include and Optimize Diverse Talent
- Apply Interpersonal Savvy
- Manage Conversations

### 4. Guiding

- Include and Optimize Diverse Talent
- Plan with a Bias for Action
- Develop Individuals and Teams
- Manage Conversations
- Coach and Mentor
- Embrace and Lead Change
- Create a Culture: "Train Them, Trust Them, Let Them Lead!"

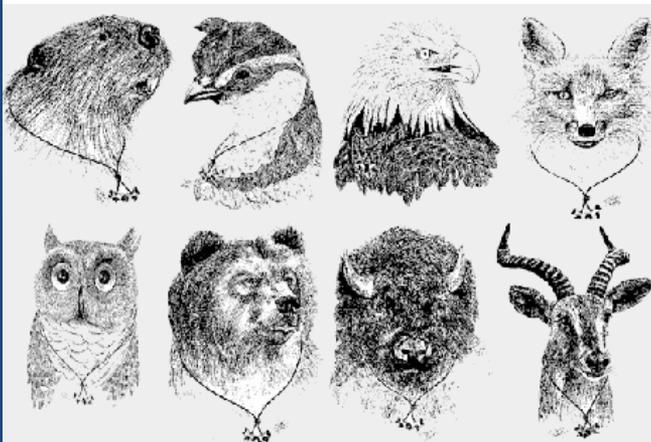
### 5. Empowering

- Plan With a Bias for Action
- Coach and Mentor
- Embrace and Lead Change

## Wood Badge Critters

Every Patrol needs a mascot, and the Wood Badge Critters represent each of the eight Wood Badge Patrols:

Beaver, Bobwhite, Eagle, Fox,  
Owl, Bear, Buffalo, and Antelope.



Patrols will be assigned during our Cub Scout Cross Over Ceremony held on Day One of the course.

You'll find that there is pride in patrol critters

## Wood Badge Ticket

The goals on the Wood Badge Ticket put in practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of leadership skills presented during the Wood Badge Course.

WHILE YOU  
WAIT . . .



A THOUGHT  
FROM BADEN-  
POWELL'S LAST  
MESSAGE TO THE  
BOY SCOUTS &  
GIRL GUIDES



" . . . Guide others to happiness and you will bring happiness to yourselves, and by doing this you will be doing what God wants of you."

# PIM Songs

## WOOD BADGE SPIRIT

I've got that Wood Badge spirit,  
Up in my head, up in my head, up in my head.  
I've got that Wood Badge spirit,  
Up in my head, up in my head, to stay.

I've got that Wood Badge spirit, deep in my heart,  
*(continue as in verse 1)*

I've got that Wood Badge spirit, down in my feet,  
*(continue as in verse 1)*

I've got that Wood Badge spirit, all over me, *(continue as in verse 1)*

I've got that Wood Badge spirit,  
Up in my head, deep in my heart, down in my feet.  
I've got that Wood Badge spirit, all over me, all over me, to stay.

## CALL A SCOUT

*(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")*

When you're down and feeling blue,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
They will know just what to do,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
If you're ever in a hurry,  
Don't take the time to worry,  
All you have to do is shout,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
If you need a helping hand,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
They will take your garbage out,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
If the traffic that you meet,  
Has you scared to cross the street,  
They'll be there to help you out,  
CALL A SCOUT!  
Now the Scouts are always helpful, don't you see.  
They will lend a helping hand, to you and me.  
For their wise in what they do.

They are kind and cheerful too.  
And they always help you out,  
CALL A SCOUT!



## REQUIRED ITEMS TO BRING

- Complete official Scout field uniform(s) for your current Scouting position. NOTE: A complete field uniform includes the official shirt for your program; uniform shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes; uniform socks; and scout belt. A troop neckerchief, slide, and cap will be provided.
- Scout activity uniform(s) NOTE: An activity uniform includes a Scouting-related T-shirt or knit shirt, and uniform Scout shorts, long pants, skirts, or culottes.
- Shoes suitable for walking over park like terrain.
- Windbreaker or jacket appropriate to outdoor weather.
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit).
- Sleeping bag or bed roll and sleeping mat
- Underwear (does not have to be BSA issue)
- Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb (Headlamp)
- Pocketknife or multiple tool-type knife (No fixed-blade knives)
- Medication in original labeled containers  
(Keep medication on you)
- Toiletries and other personal items
- Bandana (to use as a blind fold)
- Towels and washcloths
- Mask
- Pen, pencils, pocket notebook
- Daypack to carry personal gear
- **Water bottle** or canteen and cup
- Personal calendar to plan interim patrol meeting



## OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING

- Change of shoes
- Footwear for shower
- Clothes hangers for uniform and jacket
- Religious Book(s)
- Books of camp songs and skits
- Camera
- Pillow
- Earplugs (in case of snorers!)
- Handkerchiefs
- Sunglasses, Sunscreen , Insect repellent
- Handbook for your Scouting program

## WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THE COURSE?

- One activity shirt
- One ball-style cap
- Notebook & Pen
- Leadership Training
- Networking With Leaders
- FUN

### Bring Cash

For pictures if you would like to purchase a patrol picture they are \$10 each.

There will also be a Quarter Master Store with lots of goodies (i.e. sodas, candy...)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING!

Electronic devices may interrupt Wood Badge presentations and activities. Please ensure that all cellular telephones and pagers are set to silent and only used during breaks. Radios, televisions, iPods, iPads, laptops and other devices of this nature are strongly discouraged on site and certainly during sessions.

# Schedule for Saturday, March 6th

Time	Activity	Location
8:30 A.M.	Sign-in	LFC Service Center
9:00 A.M.	Opening/Welcome	LFC Service Center
9:15 A.M.	Quartermaster presentation	LFC Service Center
9:30 A.M.	Assistant Scoutmaster of Logistics presentation	LFC Service Center
10:00 A.M.	Assistant Scoutmaster of Program presentation	LFC Service Center
10:30 A.M.	Assistant Scoutmaster of-Troop Guides presentation	LFC Service Center
10:45 A.M.	Senior Patrol Leader presentation	LFC Service Center
11:00 A.M.	Q&A session	LFC Service Center
11:20 A.M.	Closing	LFC Service Center

Slippery Falls Scout Ranch will become a place from the past and be known as Gilwell Park for our Wood Badge Course.

Robert Baden-Powell led the first Wood Badge Course at Gilwell Park, England in 1919. Course participants are members of Troop 1 of Gilwell. Troop 1 will wear neckerchiefs of a plaid design which represent the McLaren tartan. We honor William De Bois McLaren, who donated the funding to purchase Gilwell Park.

## Find Your Way to Gilwell Park

### KERR SCOUT RANCH *at Slippery Falls*

